

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of all claims in the subject application, with the status of each claim being indicated in a parenthetical expression. The text of each claim under examination is presented, with currently amended claims including markings showing the changes made relative to the immediate prior version. The text of pending claims not being amended herewith is presented in clean version.

1. (Currently Amended) A stabilized window structure comprising
a window frame ¹²circumscribing an opening ¹⁴entirely or substantially entirely
devoid of glass so as to present a sizable hole;
a patch removably secured over said window frame to cover said opening in its
entirety; and
a body of unifying material disposed over ~~and~~ said patch with said patch
disposed between said opening and said body of unifying material, said body of
unifying material being bonded to said patch to form a cohesive mass therewith, said
cohesive mass being removable from said window frame.

2. (Original) A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 1 wherein
said patch comprises a plurality of patch members disposed over respective portions of
said opening with adjacent ones of said plurality of patch members in overlapping
arrangement with one another.

3. (Original) A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 1 wherein
said patch comprises a plurality of patch members disposed over respective portions of

said opening with adjacent ones of said plurality of patch members juxtaposed to one another to form a seam therebetween, and said body of unifying material forms a bond at said seam.

4. (Original) A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 1 wherein said patch is adhesively secured to said window frame.

5. (Currently Amended) A stabilized window structure ~~as recited in claim 1~~ and further including comprising

a window frame circumscribing an opening entirely or substantially entirely devoid of glass so as to present a sizable hole;

a patch removably secured over said window frame to cover said opening in its entirety;

one or more mechanical securing devices removably securing said patch to said window frame; and

a body of unifying material disposed over and bonded to said patch to form a cohesive mass therewith, said cohesive mass being removable from said window frame.

6. (Original) A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 4 wherein said patch has an adhesive backing for adhesively securing said patch to said window frame.

7. (Original) A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 4 and further including a quantity of said unifying material disposed between said window frame and said patch for adhesively securing said patch to said window frame.

8. (Original) A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 4 and further including a quantity of said unifying material disposed between said patch and any glass remaining in said opening for adhesively securing said patch to said glass.

9. (Original) A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 4 and further including a release element disposed between said window frame and said cohesive mass to facilitate removal of said cohesive mass from said window frame.

10. (Original) A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 1 wherein said unifying material is a polymeric material.

11. (Original) A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 10 wherein said unifying material is a polymeric foam.

12. (Original) A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 1 wherein said patch has an exterior side and an interior side and said body of unifying material is disposed over at least one of said exterior side or said interior side.

13. (Original) A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 12 wherein

said body of unifying material covers said at least one of said exterior side or said interior side in its entirety.

14. (Currently Amended) A stabilized window structure ~~as recited in claim 4~~
~~and further including~~ comprising

a window frame circumscribing an opening entirely or substantially entirely
devoid of glass so as to present a sizable hole;

a patch removably secured over said window frame to cover said opening in its
entirety;

a body of unifying material disposed over and bonded to said patch to form a
cohesive mass therewith, said cohesive mass being removable from said window
frame; and

at least one grasping member attached to said cohesive mass.

15. (Original) A stabilized window structure as recited in claim 3 wherein
each of said patch members comprises a pre-formed panel made of polymeric foam.

16. (Original) A method of stabilizing a window structure having a window
frame circumscribing an opening entirely or substantially entirely devoid of glass so as
to present a sizable hole, said method comprising the steps of:

removably securing a patch over the window frame so as to cover the opening in
its entirety;

applying a body of unifying material over the patch;

bonding the unifying material to the patch to form a cohesive mass therewith;

and

leaving the cohesive mass in place for a desired length of time to stabilize the window structure.

17. (Original) A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 16 wherein said step of removably securing includes adhesively securing the patch to the window frame.

18. (Original) A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 17 and further including, prior to said step of adhesively securing, the step of applying a release element over the window frame.

61 19. (Original) A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 17 wherein said step of adhesively securing includes securing the patch to the window frame via an adhesive backing on the patch.

20. (Original) A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 17 wherein said step of adhesively securing includes the steps of applying a quantity of the unifying material to the window frame and contacting the patch with the quantity of unifying material.

21. (Original) A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 17 wherein said step of adhesively securing includes the steps of applying a quantity of the unifying material to any glass present in the opening and contacting the patch with the quantity of unifying material.

22. (Original) A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 16 wherein said step of removably securing includes attaching the patch to one or more mechanical securing devices and removably securing the one or more securing devices to the window frame.

23. (Original) A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 16 wherein said step of removably securing includes removably securing a plurality of patch members to the window frame with each patch member covering a portion of the opening.

bl 24. (Original) A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 23 wherein said step of removably securing includes overlapping adjacent ones of the plurality of patch members.

25. (Original) A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 23 wherein said step of removably securing includes juxtaposing adjacent ones of the plurality of patch members to define a seam therebetween, said step of applying includes applying the unifying material over the seam, and said step of bonding includes forming a bond at the seam.

26. (Original) A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 16 wherein said step of applying includes covering at least one of an exterior side

or an interior side of the patch in its entirety with the body of unifying material.

27. (Original) A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 16 wherein said step of applying includes applying the unifying material in fluid form and said step of bonding includes allowing the unifying material to cure.

bl 28. (Original) A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 16 and further including the step of attaching at least one grasping member to the cohesive mass.

29. (Original) A method of stabilizing a window structure as recited in claim 16 and further including, subsequent to said step of leaving, the step of removing the cohesive mass from the window frame.

30-51. (Previously Canceled)
